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Hello Mojave Unified School District Families!

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We hope that this message finds you well. We wanted to start getting information out regarding our summer programs as well as our plans for fall. Over the summer weeks we will be offering a variety of on-site activities and learning. We will, of course, offer our traditional High School Credit recovery programs with scheduled in-person check-in with teachers as well as our traditional athletics programs. In addition, we will be offering several different opportunities for students at each of our sites. These programs will not only be educational but recreational. Students will be able to participate in both academics and hands-on crafts, projects, and physical activities. We encourage everyone to join in. Individual sites will be posting specific information about their programs but in general, the summer will be split into two sessions. The dates for the first session will be from June 7, 2021 through July 2, 2021 and the second session will be July 12, 2021 through July 30, 2021. Our hours of operations for session one of summer programs will be from approximately 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. with different activities having varied times and days. Students can participate in a portion of the activities or all of them. This will allow families and staff maximum flexibility for scheduling family time and vacations.

Session two will be focused on bridge programs. These programs will be specially designed to have students back on campus to get acclimated. It has been a while since they have been on a campus and some have never been to their current campus. We want to provide them with an opportunity to become comfortable, learn what each school has to offer, reconnect with their friends, and get initial information about safety protocols and procedures. During this time, we will also be able to start reviewing some skills with those who participate including brushing up on some writing and math skills.

We also want you to be comfortable with your child being back on campus. With that in mind, we have started to plan tours and parent orientation days and evenings. During these orientations you will be able to see all of the safety protocols that have been put in place and become familiar with the campus and staff. If you are unable to attend one of these orientations, the site principals will also be providing individualized videos for their sites. In these videos they will provide a virtual tour of the main areas of the schools and include some of the safety measures that have been put in place.

Some may still have questions about specific protocols:

**1. Will masks still be required on campus?**

At this point, yes. It could change if we received different guidance from our health department.

**2. Will everyone be screened before entering campus?**

Yes, we will be temperature screening all students and ask that individual households complete a self-screening for any symptoms of illness before coming to school. If anyone shows symptoms of illness we ask that they stay home. Staff will be self-evaluating daily as well.

**3. Can students play?**

Yes, as of the date of this letter, we believe that students will be able to play but may still have to stay in groups with their class or be in small groups.

**4. What if I want my child to continue on virtual learning?**

At this point we are planning for a full reopening in August. It has been indicated that as of June 15, 2021 restrictions will be lifted for the state. If that remains the case, we will have a full in-person reopening. Of course, there may be medical reasons that require some alternatives and we will evaluate them on a case by case basis as necessary.

**5. Will COVID-19 vaccinations be required for students?**

We have no information on whether or not the COVID-19 vaccination will be required for all students. At this point the vaccine (one brand) is approved for ages 16 years and over. We have offered vaccination clinics to all those who are eligible and we will continue to host vaccine clinics in both Mojave and California City as long as our partners feel that there is a need. Please check our website for links to make an appointment for a vaccination if you choose to do so.

**6. Will transportation be provided for summer/fall?**

Yes, we will be providing transportation for summer programs for those who participate in full days. Unfortunately, if your child only participates in partial day activities, we may not be able to accommodate transportation for both pick up and drop off.

Fall transportation will return to normal service.

## **Extended School Year**

In addition to our summer programs we will continue to conduct our special education programs for those who require it.

The Extended School Year (ESY) will be from June 7, 2021 through July 2, 2021. Students who qualify for ESY services will have the opportunity to participate either in-person or virtual. Classes will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 12:00 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be provided to students participating on site. Students will either attend ESY at California City High School, Mojave Elementary School, or Mojave Jr/Sr High School depending on the services listed in the students' IEPs. Transportation will be provided to students attending the ESY instruction.

## **Credit Recovery**

Our credit recovery program for high school students will follow normal protocols. We will be using APEX and weekly check-ins with teachers. The check-ins will be scheduled on an individual basis with the students instructor. Credit recovery will focus on seniors but will be offered to all high school students based on available space.

## **Library Access**

Our school libraries have opened and each school site has posted a schedule. Students can request books and pick them up on campus. Please communicate with your school sites office staff for their specific library schedule.

To view the school site introduction and safety protocols videos, please visit our district website [www.mojave.k12.ca.us](http://www.mojave.k12.ca.us) . The videos will be located on the individual school sites webpages.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us at the Mojave Unified School District Office 661-824-4001.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent